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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-25 are pending in this action.
2. This is a first action on the instant application.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 21-25 are, drawn to location monitoring based on request signal or feedback signal, classified in class 455, subclass 456.2.
- II. Claims 17-20 are, drawn to location monitoring at system equipment, classified in class 455, subclass 456.5.
- III. Claims 11-16 are, drawn to monitoring loud speakers location, classified in class 381, subclass 103.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II and III are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the system for monitoring the location of loud speakers is not required by the system that monitors the location of Base stations; and a location determination system for base stations is not necessarily required by other location monitoring systems since location monitoring involves into a

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plethora of other applications like satellite, radar, transponder/responder, etc. The subcombination has separate utility such as, invention II can be used for monitoring locations of airplanes (radar), monitoring locations of responders, and monitoring mobile stations; and invention III can be used for monitoring locations of child or/and files and/or other items using short range communications medium.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N Zewdu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5418. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

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